

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14-27 are canceled so that the undisputed subject matter can proceed to issuance in a timely manner. Applicant reserves the right to introduce claims 1-8 and 14-27 in a continuation application at a later date.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Norwesco, Inc. document that was filed as part of the communication filed on January 26, 2005, and listed on the 1449 Form filed with the present application on September 24, 2003, was not considered because the Examiner was unable to see the details of the document. In the communication filed on September 21, 2005, in response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2005, Applicant indicated that an original of the Norwesco, Inc. document would be sent directly to the Examiner. This was agreed to during the telephonic Examiner's interview on July 27, 2005. As such, the Norwesco, Inc. document was sent directly to the Examiner on September 21, 2005, separate from the communication filed on September 21, 2005. There is no indication in the Final Office Action, mailed December 6, 2005, as to whether the Norwesco, Inc. document has been considered. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate whether the Norwesco, Inc. document has been considered, and if the Norwesco, Inc. document has been considered, Applicant respectfully requests a copy of the initialed 1449 form.

Allowable Subject Matter


Applicant acknowledges that claims 10, 12, and 13 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2208.

Respectfully submitted,

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